

**ACCESS PUBLIC LAND PROGRAM
PROJECT SYNOPSIS
(2008 – 2012)**

COMPLETED PROJECTS

LOST CREEK	East Pioneers Mountains (R3)	\$30,000	2008
Partners: Smith Ranch, Forest Service, BLM, MT Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust			
Description: FWP purchased an easement for a new mile-long road, providing public access to thousands of acres of Beaverhead National Forest and BLM land about 20 miles north of Dillon.			
SUNSET HILL	Garnet Range (R2)	Donation	2010
Partners: E-L Ranch, Five Valleys Land Trust (FVLT), The Nature Conservancy			
Description: FWP was granted the public access rights from a conservation easement held by FVLT. These rights allow walk-in public hunting access on 3,400 acres of forest/foothill habitat.			
HAYMAKER	Haymaker WMA (R4)	\$50,000	2011
Partners: Olson Ranch			
Description: FWP purchased an easement on ½ mile of road that leads to the Haymaker wildlife management area, thus securing legal public access to the WMA and to adjacent USFS land.			
MARIAS RIVER	Marias River WMA (R4)	Land Exchange	2012
Partners: Clark Family			
Description: FWP acquired a 2-mile-long access road to the WMA, along with public hunting rights on an additional 2,000 acres, all in exchange for 120 acres of FWP property.			
STACEY CREEK	Tongue River-Pumpkin Cr. Divide (R7)	\$20,000	2012
Partners: Wood Ranch, Forest Service			
Description: A 0.4-mile road easement, completing a 5-mile road easement that allows the public to drive to this high-quality hunting area in the foothills of the Custer National Forest.			

ACTIVE PROJECTS

GARR CANYON	(Comm. endorsement anticipated Aug. 2012)	Dell (R3)
Partners: Landowner, RMEF, MT Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust		
Description: Acquisition of parking/access easements providing for public hunting on private, state, Forest Service and BLM land in mountain/foothills 40 miles south of Dillon.		

ENDORSED PROJECTS NOT PROCEEDING AT PRESENT

CARROLL BROTHERS RANCH	Madison Valley (R3)
Proposed walk-in access to west side of Madison Range.	
Status: Ranch is listed for sale, so owners are not interested in pursuing the project at this time	
ROONEY RANCH	Custer National Forest (R7)
Road segment across ½-mile of private land, connecting to Forest Service road network.	
Status: Landowner rejected funding level determined by appraisal.	

ENDORSED PROJECTS NOT PROCEEDING AT PRESENT (Continued)

ROGERS RANCH

Judith River WMA (R4)

Road segment across one mile of private land to reach the WMA

Status: Landowner rejected funding level determined by appraisal.

GATE CREEK RANCH

Custer National Forest (R7)

Road segment across ½-mile of private land, connecting to Forest Service road network.

Status: Pending regional contact with landowner.

SQUARE BUTTE GRAZING ASSN.

Geraldine (R4)

Partners: Square Butte Grazing Association, BLM

Description: Acquisition of permanent public easements on several road segments that access significant blocks of BLM and State land in the Missouri Breaks.

Status: Landowner rejected offer due to his inability to secure right-of-way easement across BLM land.